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1. AT APRIL 16 MEETING OF WESTERN GROUP (US, UK, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, JAPAN, CANADA) PRIOR TO RECONVENING OF CCD, AMB MARTIN (US) REPORTED ON APRIL 15 MEETING WITH SOVIET CO-CHAIRMAN, SUMMARIZING INFO CONTAINED REFTEL EXCEPT FOR SOVIET COMMENTS ON WEATHER MODIFICATION AND ON POSSIBLE ARMS CONTROL RAMIFICATIONS OF FORTHCOMING US-USSR SUMMIT MEETING. ROME (CANADA) COMMENTED IN REGARD TO CO-CHAIRMAN'S DISCUSSION OF LENGTH OF SESSION THAT HIS
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DELEGATION HAD THOUGHT THAT ONE CCD SESSION THIS YEAR PREFERABLE

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TO TWO, BUT THAT THEY COULD GO ALONG WITH US PREFERENCE. DIBERNARDO (ITALY) AND NISIBORI (JAPAN) SAID THEY AGREED WITH IDEA OF TWO SESSIONS. ROSENBERG POLAK (NETHERLANDS) SAID THAT HE WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, BUT SUPPOSED TWO SESSIONS WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

2. GROUP APPEARED SHARE OUR OBJECTIVE OF REACHING CONSENSUS AT CCD ON SLATE OF NEW MEMBERS COMPRISING FRG, GDR AND MINIMUM NUMBER NON-ALIGNED AND HAVING THIS SLATE ENDORSED BY NEXT GA AFTER WHICH THESE NEW MEMBERS WOULD TAKE THEIR SEATS. ROSENBERG-POLAK ASKED IF CO-CHAIRMEN HAD AGREED ON NUMBER OF NEW NON-ALIGNED TO BE ADMITTED TO CCD AND MARTIN RESPONDED THAT DISCUSSION HAD BEEN PRELIMINARY AND NO AGREEMENTS REACHED, ALTHOUGH SOVIET AMB HAD NOT RAISED OBJECTIONS TO PROCEDURES US HAD OUTLINED. HAINWORTH (UK) SAID HIS DELEGATION HAD NOT CONSULTED LONDON ON ENLARGEMENT QUESTION RECENTLY, BUT HE THOUGHT IDEA OF MINIMAL ENLARGEMENT WHICH INCLUDED ONE CANDIDATE EACH FROM ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA IN ADDITION TO TWO GERMANIES WOULD APPEAL TO LONDON. NISIBORI REPORTED THAT PERU HAD APPROACHED JAPANESE FONOFF IN SUPPORT OF ITS CANDIDACY FOR CCD MEMBERSHIP AND THAT PERUVIANS HAD CITED SUPPORT IN CCD FROM LATIN MEMBERS AND OTHERS, INCLUDING NIGERIA, EGYPT, AND ROMANIA.

3. JAPANESE DECLINED INVITATION OF ROSENBERG-POLAK TO COMMENT ON STATUS OF THEIR POSSIBLE CW PROPOSAL AND DISCUSSION OF OTHER SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS WAS MINIMAL AND PRO FORMA. AT DUTCH REQUEST, AMB HAINWORTH (UK) GAVE RUN DOWN ON RECENTLY CONCLUDED FIRST SESSION OF NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE PREPCOM. HE SAID THAT ON BALANCE HE THOUGHT MEETING HAD GONE WELL, ALTHOUGH ROTATING CHAIRMANSHIP BETWEEN WESTERN, COMMUNIST AND NON-ALIGNED PRESERVED DIFFERENCES BETWEEN BLOCS WHICH HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE IN REGARD NPT. ROWE NOTED HIS DELEGATION'S IMPRESSION THAT MOST DELEGATIONS, WITH EXCEPTION THOSE WHICH CCD MEMBERS, WERE ILL PREPARED FOR FIRST PREPCOM MEETING AND THAT FREE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AT MEETING HAD ALLOWED THEM TO GRASP THE IMPORTANT NPT ISSUES. NISIBORI
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OFFERED "PERSONAL GUESS" THAT IF REVIEW CONFERENCE HELD IN MAY, 1975, JAPAN WOULD BE ABLE TO PARTICI-PATE BY RATIFICATION OF NPT, BUT THAT RATIFICATION UNLIKELY IN TIME TO ALLOW ATTENDANCE AT EITHER OF REMAINING TWO PREPCOM MEETINGS.DALE

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